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Find a video of students discussing their spring break horror stories at kstatecollegian.com.

# Narrowing it down

# Huschka/White, Henry/Stoskopf remaining pairs after primary election

Andrew Huschka and Laura Rachelle White have another week of campaigning ahead of them after the primary election polls closed Wednesday night with Huschka and White in

the lead, securing 35 percent of the vote.

Exuberant screams and chants of "Henry/ Stoskopf" filled the Last Chance Next Door bar shortly after the student body president primary election results were announced Wednesday evening.



engineering, explode with jollity after securing 35 percent of the vote in the primary election

Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Andrew Huschka, junior in industrial engineering, and Laura Rachelle White, junior in civil



After the election results were read on the Wildcat 91.9, Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, and Wayne Stoskopf, junior in agribusiness, his running mate, celebrate their second-place standing in the primaries.

**By Brandon Steinert** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Wednesday night.

Huschka, junior in industrial engineering said the best way to describe the win was "shock."

"This is one of the proudest moments of my life," he said.

The pair's next step was to relax and celebrate with friends and family, followed immediately by picking up the campaign.

"It's been a long two or three months getting ready for this campaign, and I haven't really had a chance to make time for myself," Huschka said.

After catching up on homework, Hushka and White said they would be getting back on the cam-

paign trail as soon as possible. 'We're so excited, but we're so excited to get back to work as well, there's not too much time to celebrate," said White, junior in civil engineering. "I've been so impressed with all the support we've got from other people. I think we've done a great job campaigning, and I think we're ready to continue next week.

Huschka said they'll campaign even harder during the coming week.

"Now, we know there are a ton of people out there that are really concerned," he said. "We want to work our butts off over the next week, and we don't want to leave anything behind, and at the end of the generals we don't want to say, 'Man if we would have done a little bit more and worked a little harder, we would have won."

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## Huschka/White 35%

Henry/Stoskopf 27.8%

Swift/Schultz 23.2%

Rickford/West 9.0%

**Culver/Kennedy** 3.4%

### By Scott Girard KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The presidential and vice presidential pair, Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, and Wayne Stoskopf, junior in agribusiness, finished second in the primary with 1,249 votes, which accounted for almost 28 percent of the result.

"The only place is to move on up from here," said Stoskopf shortly after the results were announced.

After rounds of embraces, Henry and Stoskopf, wearing their green campaign shirts, stood on the bar to thank their supporters and also to look forward to another week of campaigning.

'Now is going to be game time," Stoskopf said. "We've got one more

Before the results were an-

nounced, Henry and Stoskopf, both committee chairmen for Student Senate, said they were confident they were moving on to the general election. However, their constant movement and fidgeting minutes before the announcement exemplified the closeness of the race. The pair received just 207 more votes than the third place pair of Robert Swift and Amy Schultz.

Henry and Stoskopf said their platform was molded around ideas that could be accomplished within a year. They also said they would make sure to keep the slumping economy in mind while making improvements to the university. One of their main ideas was to create a program at the university to network students with alumni for pos-

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# Man robbed during delivery

By Scott Girard KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A 42-year-old man was robbed of \$17, his cell phone and a food delivery order at 708 Pottawatomie Ave. at about 10:30 Tuesday night, according to the Riley County Police Department.

Shan Y. Chen was allegedly robbed by two male assailants wearing ski masks and carrying firearms. Nothing more is known about the rob-

"It sounds like he made a delivery and got robbed," RCPD Lt. Mike Quintanar

# 'K-State stars' to dance in competition

By Shelton Burch KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With K-State Idol over, and Project Runway officially started, entertainment-seeking K-State students can focus on the third and final event of K-State Reality Week, Dancing with the K-State Stars.

The event is free to

the public and will be in

the K-State Student Union

Ballroom at 8 tonight. Ten couples will perform a two-minute routine, ranging in styles dance hiphop to the tango, and African to East Coast Swing, according to a recent press

release. Each couple will be critiqued by a panel of judges, and the winner, who will receive a mirror ball tro-

"Me and my co-chair are really excited because it's been a lot of work from everybody in the office," said Julianne Jensby, co-chair of the community committee on UPC, "so we're really

excited to see how it turns out, and we think that it will be a big event." Jensby, sophomore in food science and pre-medicine, said the UPC members hoped

> event. A m o n g "stars" the participating are Lydia Peele, student body president; Ann Virgo, one of the 30 K-State Proud campaign leaders; and

to create buzz on

campus with the

Willie the Wildcat. The show is scheduled to air at 7 p.m. Sunday on K-State TV, Channel 8.

### **Other K-State Stars** expected to compete include:

Willie the Wildcat,

K-State mascot

Emily Lehning, assistant dean of student life

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host of Powercat Pregame

Adam Tank, SGA attorney general

Donita Whitney-Bammerlin,

professor of marketing

Donnie Hampton, K-State ambassador

# **Possible** violations to be discussed

By Joel Aschbrenner KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Student Elections Committee of Student Governing Association is holding a hearing today concerning possible campaign violations by one of the pairs of candidates in the student body presidential primary elections.

The hearing is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities and Services Conference Room.

Ronnie Hernandez, the chairman of the committee, said he could not disclose which candidates were involved or what the possible violations were.

"All I can say is it does involve violations, that's all I can say," he said.

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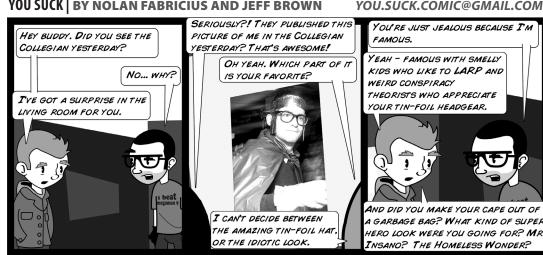
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### YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN



### THE PLANNER

**CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD** 

A Dining Etiquette program will be at 5:30 today in the Gold Room of Derby Dining Center. The session is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

Practice interviews will be from 9 a.m. to noon Friday in Holtz Hall. The event is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

Ross Szabo, author, will present "Why Happy Faces are Hiding: Talking About Depression" at noon Saturday in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union. The lecture is sponsored by K-State Healthy Decisions and the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils.

**Recreational Services is offering** an eight-session nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

beginning Tuesday. The \$25 registration fee includes all eight sessions. Sign up by Friday in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

Nomination forms for the Anderson Awards for Outstanding Seniors can be picked up at the K-State Alumni Center or completed at www.k-state.com/programs/awards. Anyone is free to nominate a senior who has shown outstanding leadership, service, academics or inspiration. The forms are due by 5 p.m. on March 6 to the Alumni Center. For any questions, call 785-532-6260.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mark Harrison at 2:30 p.m. March 12, in Rathbone 3053. The thesis topic is "The Effects of Using Aliovalent Doping in Cerium Bromide Scintillation Crystals."

A \$500 scholarship for nontraditional students for the fall semester is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

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FIXTURE NOW.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of William Bryant at 10:30 a.m. March 25 in Ackert 324. The thesis topic is "Caspases and Caspase Regulators in Lepidoptera and Diptera."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

### FOTOFOURUM PIC OF THE WEEK

After a long hiatus, the FotoFourum is finally back.

From our past submissions, we bring this lovely photo taken by Kacie Davis, sophomore in fine arts, of someone doing ... something ... on a ... crane? No one on the photo staff really has a clue what is going on in the photo, but they do think it is pretty awesome and wish we could have run it sooner.

### **WANT TO SEE YOUR PHOTO ON PAGE 2?**

To try to get your photo on Page 2, e-mail it to ksufotofourum@gmail.com. FotoFourum photos will be posted on *kstatecollegian.com*, and the best one of the week will be printed right here every Thursday space permitting.

Don't forget the rules: no nudity, obscene gestures or text, and no product placement.

Also, if you want, include information like your year and major, what's going on in the photo, when it was taken and even camera and lens information.



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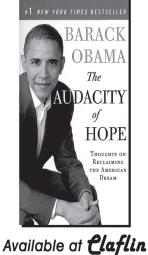
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# Swift, Schultz out of race, say they find supporters encouraging

By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A confident and upbeat atmosphere at Porter's last night turned to shock and disbelief as a crowd of about 70 supporters for the campaign of Robert Swift, current student body vice president, and Amy Schultz, chair of the Student Senate, was informed that the pair had been knocked out of the race for student body president and vice presi-

Before the KSDB-FM 91.9 radio show announced the election results over the loudspeakers, Swift, senior in political science, and Schultz, senior in biology and pre-medicine, got on top of the bar and thanked everyone in the crowd for their support of the cam-

At about 6:10 p.m., the pairs of Andrew Huschka and Laura Rachelle White, and Dalton Henry and Wayne

Stoskopf were announced as the winners of the student body presidential primary, leaving Swift and Schultz visibly emotional and upset.

Supporters of the Swift/Schultz campaign gave one last cheer for the duo after the news had reached everyone. Following the cheer, Swift and Schultz climbed onto the bar to once again thank people for their support.

Swift said that it was tough to hear the news that they had lost and encouraged everyone to go out and find a candidate to support.

"Robert and I wouldn't have changed the experience for the world," Schultz said.

Swift and Schultz will be meeting soon to determine if they will be openly supporting either of the remaining campaigns.

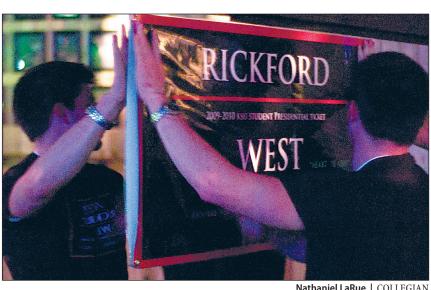
'Obviously the results weren't what we wanted but the experience has been amazing," Swift said.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Presidential candidate Robert Swift, senior in political science, and vice-presidential candidate Amy Schultz, senior in biology and pre-medicine, cope with their loss at Porter's Bar on Wednesday.

# Rickford, West take 4th, already looking to next year's elections



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Trae D. Rickford, junior in architecture, takes down a sign touting he and Brandon West's campaign after their watch party at Longhorns Saloon Wednesday night.

By Gloria Funcheon KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

About 20 students gathered last night at Longhorns Saloon for the watch party of presidential candidate Trae D. Rickford, junior in architecture, and vice-presidential candidate Brandon West, freshman in political science.

Rickford and West, who had adopted the campaign slogan "Mind to Manage and Heart to Lead," gracefully accepted their loss in the Student Governing Association presidential primary.

"Communicating with students was the biggest part of our campaign," Rickford said. "Huschka and White also value this, and I think they'll pull through."

Student focus was the key platform for the campaign, said Jared Boehm, freshman in construction science.

"[The] campaign really focused on making the university more accessible for everyone, not just the typical student,"

Boehm said.

Brandon Ming, sophomore in construction science and publicity chair for the campaign, said he thought similarly.

Because Rickford and West are both nontraditional students, they would have brought an unrepresented voice to the SGA," Ming said.

The two could have also increased some scholarship money, said Santos Prieto, sophomore in construction science.

They planned on making buildings more cost-efficient so that funds could be spent where they are really needed, with the students," Prieto said.

Nevertheless, West said he plans to run next year and already has a running mate in mind.

"I'm sad we didn't make it this year, but next year I'll spend more time campaigning," West said. "You give all that you've got, not matter what the outcome will be. It's about having heart and picking yourself back up."

# Culver's comedy campaign dies in primaries for 2nd year in a row

By Joel Aschbrenner KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For the second year in a row Jonathan Culver, sophomore in elementary education, will see his comedic bid to become K-State's student body president end in the primary

This year he ran as Jonathan "the Jelly Juggler" Culver, along with his vice-presidential candidate, Jason "the Unicycle" Kennedy. Culver and Kennedy, junior in computer science, campaigned as carnival enthusiasts with a juggling shtick.

In 2008 Culver ran on the "Ninja Ticket" as Jonathan "Ninjitsu" Culver, with Nicholas "Ninja" Birdsong as his running

This year, Culver and Kennedy finished fifth in the primary, receiving 151 votes, 3.4

The pair adopted the campaign slo-

gan: "Promise you everything, and give you nothing," a slogan Culver admitted he created to mock the current political system.

Culver and Kennedy's comedy campaign included promises to return 100 percent of privilege fees back to the students, to sell the student shuttles and replace them with Hummer-limousines and to install a branch of Kite's in Hale Library.

While Culver has led gag-campaigns the last two years, he said there is a purpose to his antics.

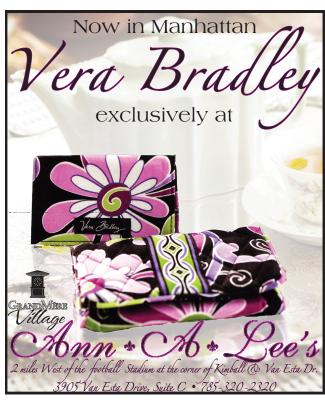
"When we first started out as jugglers, our goal was to get people to realize what SGA is," Culver said in a previous interview. "A lot of people do not know what SGA is, but when people see that there are jugglers or ninjas or pirates, that catches their atten-

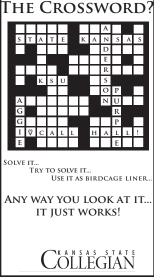
Culver said he is a public supporter of Andrew Huschka and Laura Rachelle White in the general election.

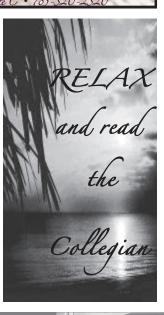


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Jonathan Culver, sophomore in elementary education, and Jason Kennedy, junior in computer science, campaigned as carnival enthusiasts with their juggling theme.









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**To** the girl who tripped in the Union today: You're cute.

**To** the guy dancing on the median on Manhattan Avenue: Rock on, brother.

**I'm** a Christian at KSU, and I'm sorry for the way Individuals for Freethought have been treated.

**For** his last act, I think President Wefald should bring Bruce Springsteen to play at Bramlage.

**Dear** Moore Hall front desk: I am calling you names, which are unprincipled, at this very second.

**I'm** going to apply to be the elevator doorman at Hale Library. Have you seen the ladies that ride that thing?

I do whatever the sidewalks tell me

**To** the guy who held the door for me at the Rec: Thank you, that made

**To** the tall blonde in the hall at Cardwell: I just wanted to say hi.

**Thank** you, IHOP. I waited an hour and 45 minutes for three pancakes. You officially suck.

I hate. I hop.

Finally, the "You Suck" doesn't suck!

**First** Christian chalk-off. Union court, 9:00 Wednesday night. Be there.

**Hey,** serious, angry people: Get the hell out of my Fourum.

**How** do the guys who ride the tall bikes get on the bikes? And how do they stop in case of an emergency?

**Who** would win in a fight? A grilled cheese sandwich or a taco?

I'd like to let my roommate be aware that you can't lose your virginity with cyber sex.

**My** friend has the delusion that he got pooped on on the way to class today. There was nothing there.

**If** you meet a guy named Doogie, run. Run fast.

**For** all of you who hate mtvU in the Derb: Just unplug the TV. It goes away for about a week.

**Dear** girl I met at Rusty's: I'm so sorry.

It's the Manhattan wine mixer.

**I'm** sorry, Tank's is not full of low-life scum. It's full of tools who think they may have game.

**Actually,** that's kind of like low-life

**Dear** Dashers: Thank you for not opening when you were supposed to in the morning. Now I don't get to eat until 1:30



Check out our Web site for the rest of today's Fourum.

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KANSAS STATE **COLLEGIAN** news@spub.ksu.edu Kedzie 103, Manhattan, KS 66506 TO THE POINT

# Political cartoons provide necessary criticism of leaders

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

"You Suck" comic writer Jeff Brown and illustrator Nolan Fabricius addressed any backlash they might receive when they agreed on the title of their daily Page 2 feature. Whether readers love or hate the comic, upon discussing it with others, they ultimately tell them "you suck." This kind of current-event humor sharpens its wit with controversy, delivering its message

to people who love or hate it. Because of this, the Collegian editorial board stands behind "You Suck" and its uptight, more affordable alter ego "A Penchant for Laffs," both despite and because of the minor controversies they cause.

Successful political cartoons are so razor-sharp that they have the potential to hurt an entire race of people if not presented correctly. A comic lampooning the federal stimulus package in the New York Post on Feb. 18 hurt the black community because it was socially ignorant. Brown and Fabricius are

making deliberate, satirical social commentary that might differ with the personal opinions of some readers; however, they are not disrespecting an inherent human trait. Their intention is to entertain, and what better fodder at a university than the Student Governing Association, comprised of students who serve everyone, whether Brown and Fabricius like it or not.

All leaders should be scrutinized by the media, but readers often prefer their daily dose of scrutiny through an illustrative satirical lens. It's a necessary thorn in a government's side.

# The dividing line



# Christians' actions driving people from church



CAROLYN HARRISON

Communities with a shrinking and aging church demographic can look to the growing number of college students with negative perceptions of organized religion and faith. According to a national study, 40 percent of 16- to 29-year-olds have opted out of church – 20 percent of whom have been active Christians all their lives and grew up going to church. Contrary to what you might expect, however, the forces driving college students away from church have little to do with faith and theology.

These young people said they rejected Christianity because of the behaviors and hypocrisies of fellow Christians, not because of theological reasons.

"I've had close friends who have recently become more faithful to Christianity, and I have felt they have judged me and not wanted to associate with me for

the lifestyle I lead," said Sam Anderson, junior in nutrition and kinesiology. "Everyone should have something to believe in, but some are just more forward about it and try to influence you to change your own beliefs."

The Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan., just recently finished a sermon series called "When Christians Get it Wrong." The series focused on major issues like the hypocrisy of Christians, religion vs. science and homosexuality.

"I think many young people are interested in Jesus and what he taught," said senior pastor Adam Hamilton. "The perception of 85 percent of young adults who do not go to church is that Christians are hypocrites. By that they don't mean that they take a sip of beer once in awhile. By this they mean that they don't find them admirable, but off-putting. Some Christians they have known come across as self-righteous, acting judgmental and morally superior while oblivious to their own sins and failings."

Hamilton's statements seem to indicate that Christians themselves are often to blame for pushing people away from the church through their actions and words, but that's not the end of the story. According to Hamilton, Christians do get it right a lot of the time. Organized religion is responsible for countless humanitarian services, including feeding

and clothing the homeless and lending a helping hand to those in need.

But not all students drift away from their religious upbringings. About a third of K-State students are involved in more than 30 different religious organizations on campus and in the community.

Many students have seen the sidewalk "chalk wars" between Christian activists and Individuals for Freethought. Reflected in the Fourum are one liners from both groups and third parties representing the kaleidoscope of beliefs on

There is a lesson to learn for everyone here. Christians and other organized
religions need to understand that while
the reasons for opting out of church and
religion vary, the primary reason is not
about theology or faith; it's about the actions of people who represent the faith.
On the other hand, those who have opted out of faith because of the poor behavior of a few individuals need to put
this in perspective with all the good
work attributed to Christians and organized religion. We all need to be less
judgmental toward those with different
beliefs.

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# Recycling process is harmful, uses toxic chemicals



TIM HADACHEK

Recycling is so much a part of our culture that it might as well be a religion. More people sort their trash into recycling bins than vote. Recycling is a waste of time, money and in many ways, actually hurts the environment.

First, recycling paper does not save the rainforest. Almost all the deforestation around the equator is done to open new farmland or for building materials, according to the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industries.

In fact, we have more trees in the U.S. right now than we have had at any point in the last 100 years — and it's not because of recycling. Logging companies are interested in making a profit for as long as possible. The result is

that they are actually planting more trees each year than they are cutting down. Some economists argue that recycling paper actually results in fewer trees, because if there is less demand for new paper, companies have less incentive to plant trees. Additionally, recycling paper requires the old paper to be "de-inked," a process resulting in toxic chemicals we can't recycle.

Another common myth is that we are running out of landfill space at the risk of being buried in our own garbage. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that Americans produces about 200 million tons of trash each year, so it's a natural concern to have. But don't be fooled: We have room. Professor Clark Wiseman of Gonzaga University estimates that we could fit all of our trash for the next thousand years in one 44-square-mile landfill.

And it's not like landfills are just a giant pile of garbage anyway. Modern landfills cover each day's trash with fresh soil and collect the methane from the decomposing materials to sell to power companies. Grass can be planted, and parks and golf courses can be built over the buried waste. The Toyon Canyon landfill in Los Angeles is one modern landfill that practices methane collection and will eventually be a park

ane collection and will eventually be a park.
Recycling can also be harmful to the en-

vironment, since it's a manufacturing process with all of the associated harmful by-products. Additionally, curbside recycling programs require more trucks on the road, more fossil fuels burned and so forth.

Not all recycling is inefficient. Recycled aluminum is the notable exception, requiring only about 5 percent of the energy needed to produce new metal. People recycle pop cans because someone is willing to pay them for it. The rest of the perceived economic benefit from recycling comes in the form of subsidies worth \$8 billion – your money – from the federal government.

Professor Daniel Benjamin of Clemson University estimates that recycling costs about 35 percent more than conventional waste disposal. The government should quit supporting recycling ad nauseam. If something is worth the money, it will be recycled.

So when you are done reading this newspaper, save the environment and money – throw it in the trash.

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# No postage necessary



Dan Hornsby, freshman in English, helped found local band The Postcards in Indiana during summer 2008 before moving to Manhattan. Since his move, the band has only increased in size.

# Local band 'The Postcards' releases CD inspired by storytelling, sincerity

By Gloria Funcheon KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The musical tradition of The Weepies and The Moldy Peaches has found a Manhattan home with "Changing States," the first album from local band The Postcards.

'A postcard is a way to send little bits of emotion," said Dan Hornsby, band member and freshman in English.

"I really value songs that can relate truth to other people sincere and honest songs that people can relate to."

The Postcards formed in the summer of 2008 with two college-bound teens in Indiana. Hornsby met Megan Storie through a high school musical and thought she had a strong voice. They started working together in April but soon found their time together limited.

"She was supposed to go on a mission trip to Mexico in July," Hornsby said, "and I was leaving for Manhattan soon after."

Within two months, the pair had a 10-track album recorded in the basement studio of Hornsby's friend, Darik Hall. After completing recordings and

editing, they did a "car test."
"We would drive around and see if it sounds OK and then go back and tweak some more," Hornsby said.

Since Hornsby's move to Manhattan, The Postcards has grown to include two new members - John Goddard, sophomore in English who plays bass, and Kristin Henry, sophomore in environmental design who plays trumpet.

Hornsby started learning guitar and harmonica in middle school. He and his friends listened to Led Zeppelin and The Beatles every day before church at parochial school.

"This was our way to get away from the rigid order of Catholic school," he said, chuck-

Hornsby's lyrics are influenced by a myriad of sources, one of which is African litera-

"A lot of it is very lyrical and has poetic language - it seems very human and is very stripped," he said.

But Hornsby said sometimes all it takes for inspiration is a walk or a run, or just to "be struck by something [he] sees on the side of the road or look at people in cars who drive past."

He said he is also influenced by Bob Dylan, primarily

for his gift of storytelling.

One song, "Turbulence," tells a story of frightened passengers on a crashing plane. But instead of being terrifying, Hornsby described the song as "uplifting, because it's about feeling free from all constraints?

Toward the end of the song, the lyrics are, "We're all gonna die." When the band performed at Bluestem Bistro recently, a father and two children walked in at this point of the song. Raised eyebrows from the father caused Hornsby to sing "except the children." He did this because "children didn't need to know all that quite yet."

Hornsby said he has a "few tunes together" for a second album and now needs to find a place to record.

Hornsby is organizing a benefit concert for Shelf Help, an organization that raises funds to buy books for students in Kansas City schools. The concert will be at 8 p.m. March 7 at the Dusty Bookshelf in Aggieville.

The album "Changing States" is available on iTunes "Changing and Amazon.com.





## **CELEBRITY NEWS**

### OCTUPLETS' MOM OFFERED PLAYMATE, 'MINDFREAK' **PLAYBOY SHOOT CRISS ANGEL SPLIT**

"Octomom" needs money, the world needs porn. It's a match made in the Valley heaven.



Or think the opportunistic porn peddlers at Viv-Entertainment, who have made Nadya Suleman a halfway-decent indecent proposal, offering the cash-strapped mother of 14 \$1

million, plus a year of health insurance, in exchange for shaking her babymaker in a XXX film.

"Nadya obviously needs income to ensure that her children are secure, so we are offering her up to \$1 million to act in one movie," says Vivid co-chair Steven Hirsch.

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The original "Girl Next Door," Holly Madison, has amicably parted ways with her "Mindfreak" beau, Criss Angel, after near-

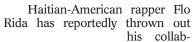
four months of dating. She was very much

love with him, and they're still very close friends," a source close to the former couple told E! News, adding that the decision to split was mutu-

"It was a conflict of schedules. She felt she couldn't devote 100 percent of her time in Vegas and his career at the expense of her career and her goals."

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**COLLABORATION WITH BROWN** 





**FLO RIDA CALLS OFF** 

oration with Chris Brownfrom his upcoming album because Brown has been charged with making criminal threats after

the alleged attack on Rihanna, Contactmusic.com reported.

"I recorded a great song with Chris. But I won't be releasing it now because of what's going on with him and Rihanna. It could have been my next No. 1," a seemingly disappointed Flo Rida said, according to the site.

—hotgossip.com

### **WOMAN SUES FREEMAN AFTER CAR ACCIDENT**

A woman is suing Morgan Freeman for "medical expenses, pain



and suffering, lost wages, permanent disability and additional damages" following a car crash at the hands of the actor last year. Addi-

tionally, lawsuit filed in

a Mississippi federal court by Demaris Meyer claims Freeman had been drinking prior to the incident.

Meyer first met up with Freeman at dinner. They reunited at a friend's house later that night. Freeman lost control of his car and crashed off the right side of the highway.

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# **Content** in online profiles affects students

By Elena Buckner KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Many people wonder how much information is too much information when it comes to online profiles.

What kind of content should they remove from their personal profiles when they are searching for a job, and how many employers actually take the time to research every applicant for possible online "dirt"?

Clark Ingram, director of human resources at GTM Sportswear, said he does not think many companies use online profiles to do background checks, but the content on a potential employee's online profile is still important to em-

ployers.

"The problem most people run into is that companies don't want to use Facebook [or other online sources] to ruin people's

lives," Ingram said.
"People just do stupid things, and we have to take things posted online very seriously if and when they come to our attention."

Because of the farreaching effects online information can have on the World Wide Web, Ingram said most students would benefit from simply taking a couple basic precautions when considering what to do with their online pro-

Simple tasks, like making sure an e-mail address is professional and making sure there are no online references to questionable activity can go a long way in impressing a potential employer.

Kerri Day Keller, director of Career and Employment Services, said fewer employers than one might expect actually take the time to look up each and every individual who applies for a position within their company.

Keller said most students simply need to use common sense in editing their online profiles.

The important thing is to take consequences into account before it becomes possible for personal information to go public," she said.

She cautioned of the dangers of even placing content on a site or profile in the first place.

"Some things can be 'archived' as soon as they hit the Internet, and as soon as that happens, there's no way to erase that information," Keller said.

Camey Turner, a 2008 K-State graduate, said she cleaned up her online account before starting her hunt for a post-college job.

"I edited some pictures, changed my security settings and just made sure any pictures or references to alcohol were from after I was already 21," Turner said.

In the end, online profiles simply serve to reinforce any impression an employer already has of an applicant or potential employee. If someone is not a good fit for a particular company or organization, chances are employers know this before going to the Internet to browse online profiles.

When students begin self-editing their profiles, they should be focusing more on making sure any information is consistent with the image they want to project than deleting every tag from every photo ever posted on their Web sites.

With a little common sense and foresight, students should be in good shape when they head into an interview, knowing that their online image is as good as their real one.

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# Outplayed



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Wildcat forward **Jamar Samuels** lunges for the ball in the first half of Wednesday's game against the Missouri Tigers. Samuels helped the Wildcats stay in the game with defense in addition to his four rebounds and three points in 20 minutes of play.

# Cats' turnovers, missed shots lead to Tiger win

**By Brad Dornes** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

To K-State fans watching Wednesday's game against the No. 11 Missouri Tigers, it must have seemed like they were watching a completely different team than they had watched all season long.

The Wildcats played in the opposite fashion they've become known for - the guards were committing turnovers and the big men were getting beat on the boards.

It all resulted in a 94-74 defeat to the Tigers.

"We've battled all year," said head coach Frank Martin. "We walked into a buzz saw here today. They're a top-10 team, and we

obviously weren't ready for the intensity of the game."

K-State (19-9, 7-6 Big 12 Conference) started the game with a Jacob Pullen 3-pointer, but the Tigers (24-4, 11-2 Big 12) quickly answered with a 3-pointer of their own and proceeded to go on a 9-2 run to push their lead to 12-5.

Missouri used tremendous full-court pressure throughout the first half, forcing the Wildcats into 11 turnovers for 15 points.

K-State, first in the Big 12 in rebounding, was outrebounded 30-24 in the first half. Missouri had 13 first-half offensive rebounds, which turned into 16 points.

The closest K-State got was 24-20 with 6:40 left in the first half, but Missouri would outscore the Wildcats 31-12 the rest of the half to take a 55-32 lead at halftime.

"That was the game right there," Martin said. "It's hard to win when we get caught in their kind of game."

K-State, already down big, started the second half by missing

open shots and committing fouls. Missouri's Leo Lyons scored the first six points in the second

half from the foul line. As a team, the Tigers shot 33-43 from the free throw line while the Wildcats only shot 15-25

K-State went on a 12-0 run to pull within 19 of the Tigers with 12:08 left in the game, but Missouri never let them get any closer from that point on.

"We got caught playing the game the way they wanted us to play," Martin said. "We were either standing around or we were playing too fast and took the ball into areas of the court where they

wanted us to go." Denis Clemente, who had 33 points, led the Wildcats offensively. He was the only Wildcat to score in double-digits.

Everyone was playing hard but no one was making any shots," Clemente said. "If we don't make shots, then we're not go-

Missouri had five players in double-digits, led by DeMarre Carroll with 21 points. Leo Lyons and Laurence Bowers each notched 16 points.

The Wildcats now return home to face the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum. Tipoff is set for 7

# Husker defense prevails, leads to K-State's road loss



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN Wildcat forward Marlies Gipson jumps for a rebound against Colorado Saturday.

By Britton Drown KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State could not connect on opportunities late in the game Wednesday, as the Wildcats dropped their fourth consecutive road game at the hands of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, 52-47, in Lincoln, Neb.

Both teams suffered a poor shooting night. However, the Cornhusker defense prevailed as the Wildcats struggled to move the ball to their post players, forcing them to settle for outside shots.

K-State suffered a shooting drought at the four-minute mark, missing seven consecutive shots before junior forward Ashley Sweat hit a jumper with nine seconds remaining in the game.

"It's just disappointing to finally be in the game and get better looks and do a good job of moving the basketball and just flat out miss," said associate head coach Kamie Ethridge. "The right people were taking the shots and we just missed the shots."

The Wildcats struggled just as much from the 3-point line, missing three consecutive attempts with less than four minutes to play. K-State finished the game shooting an abysmal 17 percent from the 3-point line on 17 shot

Senior point guard and Wooden Award Candidate Shalee Lehning made her return to the court after missing three games with a mononucleosis infection. Lehning played 14 minutes and finished the night with three rebounds and two assists; however, she did not

The Wildcats led the contest caid played all 40 minutes of the game and finished with six points. K-State could not maintain its lead in the second half as the Cats

at halftime 22-21 after Kari Kincaid made two free throws. Kinfailed to overcome their first-half shooting woes.

Senior guard Kelsey Nelson continued to provide productive play off the bench for the Wildcats, registering 12 points and eight re-

"Kelsey Nelson has really stepped it up and tried to really help us in ball handling and attacking the rim and trying to do everything that we ask her to do," Ethridge said. "The rebounds are unbelievable for her and she played a lot of post defense tonight and really had a good game."

Despite the loss, the Wildcats remain in fourth place in the Big 12 as they head into a pivotal home game this week against third-place Texas A&M. The Wildcats will host the Aggies on Sunday with tipoff set for noon.

"It's an unbelievable Texas A&M team that will be coming in, so we need a great show of purple and fans," Ethridge said.

# Wildcats look to recreate success of past weekend in tournament

By Blake Thorson KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Coming off an impressive opening weekend, the K-State baseball team looks to continue its winning ways beginning today at the University of San Diego Tournament. The tournament features a four-day round-robin format in which the Cats will play Pacific, Nevada, San Diego and San Diego State.

K-State will look to replicate its opening weekend performance, where it pounded out 27 runs in

a 2-1 series win over the Houston Cougars. The series was the Cats' first true three-game opening series win since 1984.

At the plate, senior catcher Rob Vaughn led the way with a .625 average, good for 4th place in the Big 12 after the weekend's games. Junior first baseman Justin Bloxom, the team's leading returning slugger from a year ago, going 7-14 with a triple, home run and five RBIs.

Sophomore third baseman Jason King also added six hits, four of the extra-base variety, including two home runs and seven RBIs for the weekend.

Equally impressive was the Wildcats' pitching staff, which surrendered only 24 hits and seven runs the entire weekend. Junior A.J. Morris and senior Lance Hoge delivered excellent outings Friday and Saturday, lasting five and six innings, respectively. Even in Sunday's 10-inning loss to the Cougars, four Wildcat hurlers combined to limit the Cougar bats to only three runs.

The Wildcats' bullpen might have been the brightest spot of all over the weekend, allowing only one earned run in 11 innings pitched and striking out 15 Cougar hitters. Sophomore standout Thomas Rooke and three freshman relievers combined for the strong perfor-

The Cats play the Pacific Tigers on Thursday, the Nevada Wolfpack on Friday, the San Diego Toreros Saturday and the San Diego State Aztecs in the finale on Sunday. Live statistics for each game can be found at www.kstatesports.

# Big 12 gets no respect



MANBECK

Frank Martin painted a pretty clear picture during Monday's Big 12 teleconference. The Big 12 Conference isn't getting any respect, the second-year coach attested, and something needs to be done about it.

"I think it's a travesty and a joke the way our league is portrayed by our local media and the national media," Martin said. "For our league to not get at least five teams in [the NCAA Tournament] would be a complete travesty to what college basketball is about."

We've often heard of the East Coast bias, but it seems to be more than that. A mock exercise was recently conducted by the NCAA and ESPN, and the discoveries are mind-boggling.

The ACC led the way with eight teams making the 65-team tournament field, while the Big 10 and Big East followed that up with seven each, and the Pac-10 and SEC received five bids in the exercise. The Big 12 came in with the least bids out of the major BCS conferences with only four teams.

But the numbers don't add up, which brings me to question what these mock analysts and talking heads are looking at. The Big 12 has nine teams that rank in the top-75 of the Ratings Percentage Index, only second to the Big East Conference, which has 11 teams in the top-75. However, the Big East has four more teams than the Big 12, which is the likely reason for that. The following teams trail the Big 12 in teams ranked in the top-75: The Big 10 has eight teams, the ACC has eight, the SEC has six teams, and the Pac-10 has five teams.

The nine teams in the Big 12 went a combined 24-15 against teams in the top-75 of the RPI during the nonconference portion of the schedule. Of those wins, 16 of 24 came against teams in the top-50 of the RPI, including wins over Villanova, UCLA, Washington, Arizona, Arizona State, Tennessee, Purdue, California, LSU, Utah and USC twice.

Out of all the major conferences, the Big 12 comes in second only to the Big East in total nonconference wins, due to the Big East having more teams. So why is the Big 12 getting such little respect? Martin would like an answer.

'Our league is real good," Martin said. "And because some of the teams that people thought weren't gonna be any good have won games, now all of a sudden it makes our league no good.

Martin said the situation was a "crying shame."

'Our league is looked at as being inferior, and that's unfortunate," he said. "It's a disgrace, and it's bad journal-

So either the RPI isn't as big of a factor as daily bracketologists tell us, or there's a built-in bias in this process by the media. Nonetheless, changes should come, because as Martin said, it's a shame.

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# SGA to review budget to fill jobs at Lafene

By Steven Miller KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Student Governing Association is scheduled to review several allocations and resolutions at its weekly meeting tonight.

The bill involving the largest amount of money is a contract that would raise Student Health privilege fees by \$214,677 to a total of \$4,138,587, a 5.47-percent increase. This increase would go to hire one doctor and two nurses for Lafene Health Center. It receives 65 percent of its revenue from privilege fees, leaving only 35 percent received for ser-

In the privilege fee committee, the bill passed with a vote of 13-0-0. The consensus is a change from recent bills, like a decrease for the K-State Marching Band and an increase for Student Publications Inc., both of which were highly contested.

Other items on the agenda includes two resolutions. The first would support the K-State shuttle service, bringing students from places like Peters Recreation Complex to the main campus; the second would support K-State's participation in an information database called iTunes U.

Allocations requests will be presented as well. Senators plan first to vote on an allocation to the African Students Union. The money would go toward bringing guest speaker Raj Bhala to speak on world trade and African interests. The cost would be \$334.

Following this, the senators plan to vote on an allocation to send theater group Theta Alpha Phi to Cincinnati for a Theater Tech Conference at a cost of \$500.

The final allocation would send 10 members of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization to a conference in Chicago for a total of \$1,000.

The introduction of new allocations includes \$900 to send members of the KSU Potters Guild to Phoenix for an education conference, and \$259 to host the Little Apple Juggling Festival by the KSU Juggling Club.

Finally, amendments to the Universal Funding Regulations Statutes, which applies to all allocations done by SGA, are scheduled to be voted on. Two amendments - one to the SGA constitution and one to the SGA bylaws – are planned be introduced to legislators.

# Inspections committee discusses several issues for upcoming forum

By Jacie Noel KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Rental Inspections Advisory Committee met Wednesday to discuss an upcoming public forum and possible zoning inspec-

The committee discussed two possible budget scenarios for the rental inspection program, if it is enacted as an ordinance. One budget included a zoning inspector position and the other did not. The purpose of a zoning inspector in the program created discussion among committee members.

Manhattan Housing Authority Director JoAnne Sutton said the rental inspector would inspect the unit and see if it is safe as a rental unit, not to see if it is in compliance with zoning.

"To me, the zoning issue is a separate issue," Sutton said. "It may be an issue, but it's another issue."

Committee members voted 5-3 not to include the zoning inspector position in the final budget.

The committee finished its discussion by reviewing penalties for those who do not comply with rental inspection ordinance. The penalties are included on the Rental Inspection Committee Draft

Ordinance Key Discussion Points that is planned to be discussed at the public fo-

The committee continued discussion on tax credit units. Chris Bailey, board president of the Manhattan Area Housing Partnership, said any tax credit unit in the community is going to be inspected at least every year by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation.

During the Feb. 18 meeting, the committee had been reluctant to inspect units that were inspected under another pro-

There was a committee consensus to keep public housing units exempt from paying fees but still have to register for inspection. The committee also decided to waive fees and inspections for qualifying tax credit units and public housing

public forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the City Commission Room at City Hall. The forum will be televised.

The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. March 11 in the lecture hall at Manhattan Fire Department headquarters, located at 2000 Denison Ave.





It's time for the annual Alpha Delta Pi Softball Classic Tournament! WHAT

The annual Alpha Delta Pi Softball Classic Tournament is a two-day softball featuring both fraternity and independent team competition. WHEN

Twin Oaks Softball Complex Saturday March 28 - Sunday March 29 Help Support the Ronald McDonald Houses in both Topeka and Kansas City. The money raised helps families that need a place to stay while their children receive extensive medical treatment.

\*If interested in getting a team together, or participating as an umpire, please contact Becky by Monday March 2nd

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# Club gives students professional, service experience



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

A member of the Manhattan Rotary Club gives a presentation on financial planning at a K-State Rotaract Club meeting in the K-State Student Union on Feb. 16. The two organizations collaborate on service projects and networking opportunities.

By Sarah Rajewski

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Instead of giving children a cake or wrapped presents for their birthdays, the K-State Rotaract Club is offering something a little different this year -books.

The club started the Birthday Books project this year and will deliver 600 books to Northview Elementary School, said Casey Cook, president of the Rotaract Club.

The Birthday Books project has been special to me because some of these kids aren't fortunate enough to get a whole lot for their birthday," Cook, junior in finance and agricultural economics, said. "A lot of kids don't receive that opportunity at home. It's helping them for their education.

According to its Web site, the Rotaract Club is an organization for college students that works with Rotary International, a worldwide association of service-minded business and professional leaders.

The Rotaract Club on campus is connected to the Manhattan Rotary Club, Cook said.

For example, in the Birthday Books program, the Manhattan Rotary Club funds the purchase of the books, while the Rotaract members volunteer their time delivering books and reading to the children.

In addition to working with Birthday Books, the Rotaract Club has several other service projects. Cook said another important aspect of the club is the professional development the students receive from these experiences.

Brandon Brensing, junior in regional and community planning and Rotoract vice president of programs, is in charge of bringing in monthly events, which often connects professionals from the Manhattan Rotary Club with students.

Brensing said he has gained life lessons from the professionals' presentations since he has learned from both their experiences and their mis-

"It's not always that we're helping others, but we're learning through other members," he said. Students in the club

also receive further professional skills through the Mentor A Rotaracter program, Cook said. He said students are matched with members of the Manhattan Rotary Club based on their professional interests.

Darrell Brensing, co-adviser for the Rotaract Club, member of the Manhattan Rotary Club and Brandon Brensing's grandfather, said the mentor program has been a success.

"The Rotarians have really liked it, because it gives them the chance to

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get to know the Rotaract members on a personal basis," he said.

Darrell, who has been advising the club for 20 years, also said he enjoys advising the club because of the students he comes in contact with.

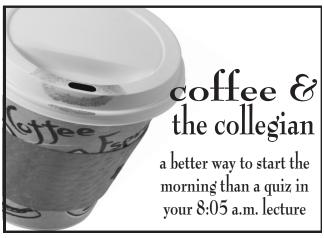
"It's been a real pleasure working with the young people, and it gives me a lot of faith in the future of our country because of the young people coming up," he said.

Cook said he encourages people to join the club, which has a monthly meeting at 8 p.m. every third Monday in the K-State Student Union, Room 207. For more information, students can e-mail Cook at ccook2@

"I think it's a great way to meet people, but it's also a great leadership development," Cook said. You get an opportunity to do a lot of service and the networking is also another great opportunity."

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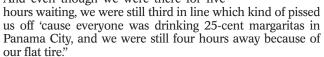
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# A series of unfortunate events

Have you ever had something horrible happen to you over spring break?"

### **MICHAEL PYLE, SENIOR** IN MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT

A. "Well we were on our way to Panama City, Fla., last year for spring break, and in the middle of the night while I was sleeping, I was awakened by a semi-truck pulling into our lane, which caused the driver to shift over to the median. We got a flat tire, and we ended up having to sleep in the Wal-Mart parking lot until 7 a.m. until they opened their auto shop. So we had to sleep for like five hours, and we tried to sleep on inflatable beds in Wal-Mart, but we got kicked out of those pretty quick. And even though we were there for five



### **MEGANTRAVELSTEAD, JUNIOR IN ENGLISH LITERATURE**

A. "Back when I was 14, my parents wanted to take us all out to San Francisco and some parts of California, wanting to see Carmel, and we took our spring vacation. When we got there, we had checked the weather and it was supposed to be nice, but during the entire time we were there it didn't get up to about 40 degrees [Fahrenheit] and we had all this summer stuff. We thought it was going to be nice, hanging out at the ocean, but we had to go buy jackets, sweatshirts and mittens, and we were pretty cold the entire time?



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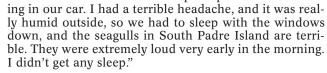
### T.J. ABOGADO, JUNIOR IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

A. "So it was last year when we were trying to go to South Padre in Texas, and it was late at night. We were following the navigation system to take us the shortest route, and we end up in the middle of nowhere, so we were kind of scared 'cause we woke up in the middle of a field, and we were like, 'What the heck? Where's the highway at?' We were really confused, and it took us to a dirt road and it was kind of scary ... but we ended up hitting the highway?



### **CODY ZIEGLER, 2007 GRADUATE** IN FAMILY STUDIES AND HUMAN SERVICES

A. "I was in South Padre Island, and I was with a large group of people at a party on the beach, and I drank too much and passed out on the beach. I remember getting hit in the head by someone I don't know and never saw, and when I woke up, everyone on the beach was gone. So it was like a dream, only I know it happened. And that night we were supposed to go home to Manhattan, and we decided we were going to stay for another night, but our hotel room was taken so we ended up sleep-



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### **MANDY TADROS, JUNIOR** IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

A. "So my senior year of high school over spring break, I went to bed like I usually do at night, and at two in the morning I woke up with this really bad pain in my stomach ... I was in lots of pain so I just laid on the floor ... and my parents thought it was the stomach flu, so I stayed home and took flu medicine for three days, but it kept getting worse. I went to the doctor, and I had a high white blood cell count. They told me my appendix had ruptured, and so I had been at home for four days when my appendix had ruptured. I could



**Tadros** JUNIOR

have died, but I didn't know that at the time, so that's good that I didn't freak out ... but I was in the hospital for a week."

### PAUL PAYTON, JUNIOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

A. "Well, over my spring break a few years ago, I had to get my wisdom teeth taken out, and that was pretty bad because I ended up having to be in bed almost my entire spring break instead of being out and enjoying it with my

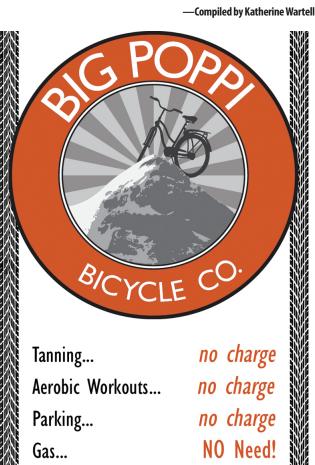


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# **Group of students will travel to San Antonio** during break, give up time to serve others

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Mentioning spring break to a college student brings several things to mind – long road trips, the beach and no responsiblities, just to name

However, for one group of K-State students, this year's spring break plans are a little different.

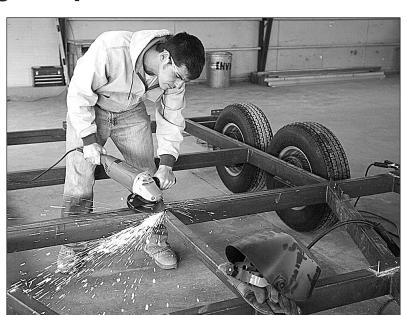
Ecumenical Campus Ministries, a religious group on campus, is sponsoring a mission trip to San Antonio for students interested in donating their time to a worthy cause.

Jason Orr, senior in chemical engineering and one of the event's coordinators, said the group would be helping homeless people, working on a playground, doing some construction and painting and possibly working at a daycare center and nursing home.

"There's so much potential for work, pretty much anywhere you go," Orr said. "We'll be constantly receiving offers for work while we're

Students participating in the trip, which is called "Alternative Spring Break," will leave Manhattan on March 14. Volunteers will be staying for a week at the Inman Christian Center, a United Way facility located a few miles from downtown San Antonio. Orr said that ECM is still accepting volunteers for the seven-day trip.

"We'll come back to Kansas on March 21," he said. "We already



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

In April 2008, many K-State students gave up their free time to work in Greensburg, Kan., after the town was devastated by a tornado.

have a few students planning on going, but everyone is still welcome to

While the main purpose of the trip is to participate in mission work, there are also recreational activities planned for volunteers, including a dinner theater and a trip to the San Antonio Zoo. Orr said the trip is a good way for students to enjoy their break at a relatively low cost.

'It's a rather inexpensive trip," he said. "We've budgeted for \$100 per student, which is great compared to some other groups. In actuality, depending on how many students go, it could end up being cheaper than that."

Students interested in going are encouraged to check out the event's Facebook.com group, titled "Spring Break Mission Trip – San Antonio." General information about the trip, including an itinerary, can be found

Orr invited students who would like to attend the trip to contact him at jmorr@ksu.edu or Genny Benton, lead event coordinator, at genevab@

# Travel agencies offer various vacation types

**By Tiffany Roney** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Piles of homework grow taller while the thermometer's mercury rises. This can mean only one thing – spring break is coming.

Students often plan trips on their own, but Mary Gugle, travel consultant for Jade Travel, 315 Poyntz Ave., said there are many advantages to planning vacations through a travel agen-

"We are professionals – this is what we do all the time - so we can find the best rates," Gugle said. "I don't know if you've ever searched travel on the Internet, but it can be very timeconsuming. We take the time and the confusion out of it for

Worldwide Travel Services, 411 N. 6th St., provides travel guides, maps and links to overseas merchants at www.virtualtravel.info.

"It's a know-before-you-go kind of thing," said Jeffrey Pealer, owner and proprietor. "That way, you can go, you can be comfortable, you can have your tools, you have your excursions, you've got your maps downloaded. You've got to research; you've got to. And you've got to find the best deal."

AAA Travel Agency, 321

Southwind Place, offers the opposite style of service.

"The most popular things we do is all-inclusive cruises, tours, a lot of Disney World," said Sarah Hash, travel agent for AAA. "We set up hotels, car rentals, airfare. We work with so many different venders."

While Hash spoke of upscale hotels and dining venues, Pealer raved about international adventures and eclectic hostels.

"I've traveled to hostels because that's the way of international travelers, and I like that, he said. "I like to stay at a hostel because you learn a lot, and it's a decent price. They've got hostels in every part of the world."

Pealer also recommends a trip to the Virgin Islands.

"The Virgin Islands are great because you don't need a passport or anything," Pealer said. "It's the most laid back place I've been, and I've been a lot of places?

Some K-State students will travel far, while others will relax at home. Either way, all will be free from class March 14-22.

"Students who want to take a trip should plan it now, book it now," Gugle said.

"Though travel is down, every day the prices are going up. So if they have plans that they want to go somewhere, they should get started."

# Students can still manage to take spring vacation despite small budget



**SANDERS** 

This is college, and that means bad food, cheap beer and no money. With the economy not doing so well, is a sweet spring break escape still an option? It can be.

Whether you want to venture to another city or another continent, there are ways to ease the pain on pocketbooks.

For a distant destination, the flight is going to be the biggest expense. Web sites like kayak.com and studentuniverse.com search airline sites and can find the best deal available. Some airlines even give student discounts, but spring break does means more people trying to book flights at once.

"All prices tend to go up from around the first of March to the beginning of April," said Mary Gugle, travel consultant for Jade

Travel in Manhattan. "Everyone knows it's spring break. Even Europe knows it's spring

Because of the price increase, the cheapest airline ticket might come from a search engine or maybe directly from the airline. Sometimes airlines run specials to fill flights or promote travel to a certain

"I got a ticket to Munich for six hundred dollars," said Julie Long, junior in advertising. "I looked directly on the U.S. Airways site, and it was the cheapest one I found."

Long plans to visit a friend studying in Munich, Germany, and save money by skipping out on the hotel costs.

Spring break packages are another way to save money. Several packages are all-inclusive, meaning souvenirs are the only additional cost. Last year, Marci Metcalf, sophomore in elementary education, opted for an all-inclusive trip to Costa Azul, Mexico. The package included the flight, room and board, meals and excursions.

"We took surfing lessons, saw Aztec and Mayan ruins and took a boat through a swamp region," Metcalf sad. "At night, there were shows and dances during dinner. It was really a good deal."

In all, the trip cost her \$1,200.

If a cheap ticket or an all-inclusive deal is not available, Gugle suggested looking for other ways to compensate for the money spent on flying. She said making use of tourist centers can be beneficial in this way.

"A lot of train stations in Europe have tourist offices right in the station," she said. "They can be really useful when trying to find hotels and attractions."

Airports and subway stations are also great places to look for tourist information.

Transportation packages, hostels and buying food at grocery stores will leave more cash for attractions and nightlife.

If the domestic scene is preferred, some of these same money-saving tactics can be applied here on the home front.

Gugle suggested staying outside of a big city to cut costs. For example, if going on a ski trip to Colorado, stay in Denver and drive to the lift. Or stay in New Jersey and make use of the public transportation to get to the heart of NYC. By sacrificing a little convenience, cash can definitely go further.

Road-tripping can also be a great way to spend spring break. Sometimes the trip is just as exciting as the actual destination.

Keeping an open mind, and maybe settling for more intellectual amusement, is

another good way to reap some awesome spring break results. Just going to Kansas City or St. Louis can be fabulous with a little

Do some online searching to find the ins and outs, ups and downs. Gugle said checking out the city's official Web site can give a good idea about what that city has to offer. Then use tripadvisor.com to read reviews of the hotels and attractions from people who have been there to find out what's worth seeing.

For any trip, it's good to set a few limits. Take the overall budget, divide that into a daily amount and try to stick to it. Maybe skip out on the Persian restaurant one day to get into the modern art museum. Then, save the Persian excursion for a day when nothing is planned. By sticking to a budget, there can still be something fun every day without blowing it all at the beginning.

No matter where you end up during spring break, it is important to be open to scrounging. It pays to save. Or it at least makes for a sweet way to have an even sweeter spring break.

Molly Sanders is a sophomore in modern languages and English. Please send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.





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# Top 10 things to do in Manhattan during week off

By Moira Niebauer KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Bummed about not visiting a tropical location for spring break? Don't worry; while all your friends are dashing off to spend their week sunburned on a beach and getting sand stuck in their bikinis, you get the chance to explore the wonders Manhattan has to offer.

### 10. RELAX

Enjoy your week of no classes by sleeping in, reading a book, watching movies or just doing nothing.

### 9. GET CAUGHT UP ON HOMEWORK

Though this might not be the most enjoyable way to spend spring break, it will certainly be beneficial. Maybe you can clean your apartment during your burst of productivity as well.

### 8. TAKE A MINI ROAD TRIP

This isn't technically in Manhattan, but why not venture around the Midwest? Always wanted to see the world's largest ball of twine? Head to Cawker City, Kan. If you enjoy history, Abilene,

Kan., is home to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, and while you're there, stop by the world's largest spur. Manhattan is just a short trip away from the geographic center of the continental United States in Lebanon, Kan. Or if you love music, drive up to Omaha, Neb., for the Ben Folds concert on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

### 7. WATCH MARCH MADNESS

The NCAA men's basketball tournament begins March 17, so be sure to choose your favorite teams, fill out your bracket beforehand and enjoy a few days of watching basketball.

### **6. ATTEND A PLAY**

'Grease" is showing during spring break at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Columbian Theatre in Wamego. "The Jurors" is a play about a jury deciding a murder trial, and it will be presented at 7 p.m March 15 at the Manhattan Arts Center.

### 5. SUPPORT THE TENNIS TEAM

The team has its first home conference matches during spring break. The 21 and Colorado at 11 a.m. March 22.

### 4. VISIT THE BEACH ART MUSEUM

Aside from its permanent collection, the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art will have an exhibition called "The American Soldier - A Photographic Tribute to Soldiers and Marines." Located right on campus, the museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m Sun-

### 3. TOUR TALLGRASS BREWERY

Visit Manhattan's local brewery March 21 for a tour. Learn how the beer is brewed and take some home to enjoy later. For more information about the brewery, visit www.tallgrassbeer.com.

### 2. SUPPORT THE BASEBALL TEAM

The team will spend its spring break in Manhattan right along with you. The Wildcats face Butler at 3 p.m. March 13, and at noon on March 14 and March 15. The team will play Texas-San Antonio at 6:30 p.m. March 17 and noon on March

women play Missouri at 11 a.m. March 18. Big 12 Conference play begins at 6:30 p.m. March 20 against Oklahoma. The team will play again at 2 p.m. March 21 and at noon March 22. There are plenty of opportunities to put on your purple and cheer on the Cats at Tointon Family

### 1. CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Fake Paddy's Day might be over by spring break, but Aggieville isn't done celebrating. On March 14, enjoy a Blarney Breakfast at Kite's Bar and Grill, starting at 7:30 a.m. The cost for adults is \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. The restaurant will serve green eggs and ham, fruit, biscuits and more.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade at 11 a.m in Aggieville. Also, there will be a 2-Mile Fun Walk/Run at 12:30 p.m., and a 10K Road Race at 1:15 p.m. The awards ceremony for the road race will be held afterward in Triangle Park. To register for the race, visit www.lets-gorun.com/stpatsrace. If after all this you still haven't celebrated the holiday enough, the real St. Patrick's Day is on March 17, so head to Aggieville for some green beer.

### K-State is participating in a national 10-week recycling competition. Here are the university's results from the past three weeks:

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# **HUSCHKA** | Duo plans awards system

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Huschka and White's slogan is "Stand and Deliver," which represents their interpretation of the office of student body president.

According to their Web site, the two believe the primary role of student body president and vice-president is to "represent the student body's voice in all significant university issues."

Improving K-State athletics, creating

an academic reward system and a student body advisory council and starting a program to reward students with innovative ideas are all part of Huschka and White's platform.

The K-State athletics improvements are intended to build on the positive image created by school spirit associated with the athletics program.

The proposed academic awards system would give students discounts at participating vendors depending on academ-

The student body advisory council would give the president a method of acquiring student input on issues.

Huschka and White's proposed program, Kansas State Students Delivered, would give one-year full-ride scholarships to students with innovative ideas that positively affect K-State.

Huschka and White have been working together in classes and SGA for three

"Andrew and I work great together," White said. "We're very fun-loving people and very light spirited people, but very serious about what we do. We have a lot of dedication, and I think together we're really a dynamic duo."

# **HENRY** | Pair ready to continue campaign

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sible internships or job opportunities.

"When you look at the job market right now, students are not just having a hard time finding internships but also jobs," Henry said.

Henry is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and Stoskopf is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. They said their connections to the greek community helped them in the primaries but their focus is more campus-wide. All the candidates in the top-three pairs are members of the greek community

Henry and Stoskopf started their campaign a month and a half ago, and they said they planned to get back to campaigning as soon as possible to make up the 322 votes that separated them from the first place pair, Andrew Huschka and Laura Rachelle White.

Henry said Huschka and White ran a very aggressive campaign, but Henry and Stoskopf respected them as fellow members of Student Senate. The winning pair spent more than any other candidates in the race.

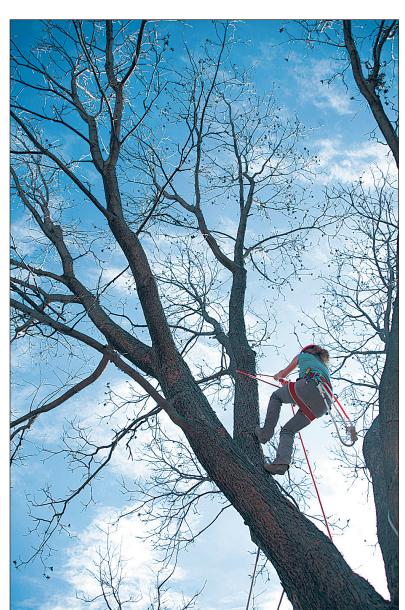
After the results were announced, a tearful Swift and Schultz congratulated Henry and Stoskopf. Henry said the pairs were close after serving on leadership positions at Student Senate for several semesters. Whether the pair wins the gener-

election or not, Henry said the campaign has been a valuable and fun expe-

"Regardless of what happens, it's been a blast," he said.

The general election starts Tuesday and polls close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

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# **COMMISSION** | Results may not be final

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Hernandez said part of the meeting will be open and part will be closed to the public, to protect the privacy of the candidates involved.

Election Commissioner, Dave Hoffman, a senior in mass communications, was at the watch party of presidential hopefuls Rob-

ert Swift and Amy Schultz, where he addressed the crowd and said that the results were not official and were pending on today's

Swift and Schultz finished third in the primary behind the pairs of Andrew Huschka and Laura Rachelle White; and Dalton Henry and Wayne Stoskopf.

Hoffman said he could not comment on the violations that will be discussed at the hearing but said this type of hearing is not uncommon.

"As in any election, these results are not official right away," he said.

Hoffman said the official results of the primary election would be available within a week.





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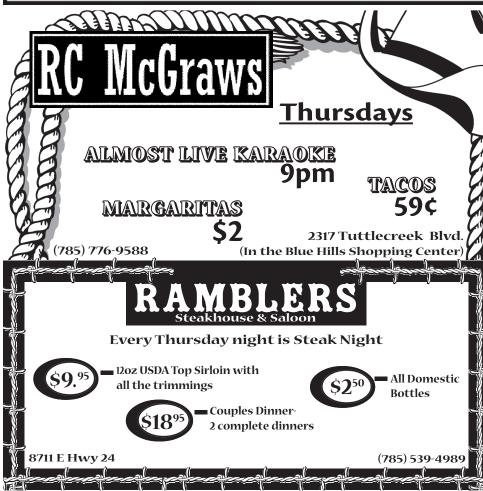
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